**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ASTON CANTLOW ON 9th MAY 2024 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. No. 132**

 **Present:** Cllr Haycock, Chair, Cllr Peacey, Cllr/District Cllr. Holmes, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Mason, Cllr Walters and twenty six members of the public.

 **Apologies:**  County Cllr. Kerridge.

 **1. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:**

 No declarations were received.

 **2. Mr. Payne to inform the Council of the potential redevelopment of Manor** **Farm before any planning application is submitted:**

 Mr. Payne, who was accompanied by his Architect and a Planning Consultant, provided a very informative presentation of his initial proposals/plans for Manor Farm. The intention is to bring the farm back to life, convert the current units into residential properties, at the same time retaining the characters of the buildings. The farmhouse itself is in need of a considerable amount of renovation work. They are still in the early stages of planning and no applications have been submitted to the District Council at this stage.

 Cllr. Haycock thanked Mr. Payne for attending the meeting.

 **3. Public participation:**

 Mr. Evans reiterated his report to the Clerk that both Bearley Road nameplates have been removed at The Halt. The Clerk confirmed she had passed on the report to Streetscene.

 Mr. Evans also commented on the lack of verge cutting in the village and asked District Cllr Holmes why, when no cuts took place in April, there are none proposed until the end of May. Cllr. Holmes explained that the District Council had introduced ‘No mow May’ to benefit the pollinators.

 **4. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly and ordinary meeting held on 10th April 2024:**

 The minutes were approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

**5.** **County & District Councillors reports**:

 No reports were available in time for the meeting.

**6. Planning application update:**

 With the exception of Application No.23/03457/FUL Burford Barn all applications had been approved.

 The application for a Street Trading Consent in the Stratford on Avon District was considered and no objections were presented.

**7. Annual Accounts for year ending 31st March 2024.**

 These were approved and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

 A Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Chair confirming that neither the higher of gross income nor gross expenditure exceeded £25,000. This will be submitted to the external Auditors.

 **8. To consider a request from Aston Cantlow Village Hall committee**

 **for a donation towards grass cutting in the playground in 2024:**

 In 2023 the grass cutting cost in the region of £900.00.

 The village hall has already had a donation from us of £500.00 in November last year towards new curtains, to match fund a donation from our County Cllrs. funds, Cllr Haycock proposed a donation of £900.00 towards the grass cutting. Seconded by Cllr Edwards and all in agreement.

 **9. Non-functioning VAS in Bearley Road:**

 A message had been received from a County Highways Engineer

 advising that it had been brought to his attention that this sign was no longer in working order and, in line with their policies, it is their intention to remove the sign. Having checked their records, recent injury collision at this site is good and would not warrant the installation of a new sign.

 Both Mr. Evans and Cllr Mason reported that this sign is working and should be left in place. The Clerk will report accordingly to

 the engineer and ask for it to be left in place.

**10. Social Housing project to the North of Aston Cantlow:**

 Cllr Mason has an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

This was discussed and taking into consideration the view of the resolution passed at the Parish Assembly it was agreed with a show of hands not to proceed with this project by Cllr Haycock, Cllr. Edwards, Cllr. Peacey, Cllr Walters and Cllr Holmes. The Clerk was asked to 000report back to the Housing Enabler at WRCC.

 An alternative more suitable plot of land is not currently available.

**11. Litter bin on the church wall by the Lychgate:**

Unfortunately no alternative suitable site is available and the Clerk was asked to go ahead and arrange removal by SDC.

**12. Urgent items not on the agenda raised by Councillors:**

 None were raised.

 **13. Other items of business for consideration at the next meeting:**

 New model financial regulations

 Changes to domain name and new email address - WALC

 Representative from the Flood Management Team

 Lady Kilmaine to present details of her land dispute.

 **14. Date of next meeting:**

11th July 2024.

 No further business, meeting closed at 8.26pm